

**SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

SUBJECT: Public hearing to consider revision of the Utility Allowance Schedule forms used for all Section 8 assisted housing units.

REQUESTED ACTION: Staff recommends approval

☐ Work Session (Report Only)
☒ Regular Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: 03/23/2010
☐ Special Meeting

CONTRACT: ☒ N/A

Effective Date: 05/01/2010
Managing Division / Dept:

Vendor/Entity: HUD
Termination Date: 04/30/2011
Housing

BUDGET IMPACT: There will be no budget impact regarding this revision

☒ Annual
☐ Capital
☐ N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: HUD Section 8 Grant
EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT: 107-550-554-4410

HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:

The Sumter County Housing Department has an ACC (Annual Contributions Contract) with HUD (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) to assist participants with monthly rental payments through the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. Before a family becomes a participant under the Section 8 Voucher Program, the unit which they select must be a HUD approved unit in order to receive assistance. The rent must be reasonable and the Housing Department must determine what the average cost of utilities the families will pay monthly. The monthly rent combined with the utility allowance can not exceed the Fair Market Rents set by HUD for any assisted unit. HUD requires the Housing Department to utilize the Utility Allowance Schedule HUD form 52667 for all housing units being assisted under the Section 8 Voucher Program.

New HUD Regulation – A public hearing was held on November 10, 2009 and the Board of County Commissioners approved a new utility allowance schedule (attached for information) for all types of units within Sumter County. A new Regulation set by HUD states each unit type must have a separate utility allowance schedule.

Upon further review, the Housing Department's research showed a small difference between mobile homes and houses only. Based on the information we received, the utility allowance schedule for mobile homes will be increased by \$5.00 for electric heating, electric cooking, other electric and air conditioning. The utility allowance schedule for houses will be increased by \$2.00 for electric heating, electric cooking, other electric and air conditioning. The current utility allowance schedule for a duplex, garden apartment, townhome and row unit types will remain unchanged based on research data. Copies of the proposed Utility Allowance Schedules are attached.

Copies of the draft Utility Allowance Schedules were made available for public review at the Sumter County Housing Department, 910 North Main Street, Suite 308, Bushnell, FL. 33513 from February 23, 2010 to March 22, 2010 as advertised in the Sumter County Times.

The Housing Department is requesting the Board of Sumter County Commissioners to approve the revisions made to the Utility Allowance Schedule forms.